His Majesty's

MOST GRACIOUS

SPEECH

To both HOUSES of

PARLIAMENT,

On *Thursday* the Twenty seventh Day of *May*, 1756.

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His MAJESTY's moſt gracious SPEECH to both HOUSES of Parliament, on *Thurſday* the Twenty ſeventh Day of *May*, 1756.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

AFTER ſo long and unwearied Application to the Publick Buſineſs, it is reaſonable that I ſhould give you ſome Receſs. I muſt, at the ſame Time, return you My hearty Thanks for the vigorous and effectual Support you have given Me, in maintaining that juſt and national Cauſe, in which I am engaged.

The Injuries and Hoſtilities, which have been for ſome Time committed by the *French* againſt My Dominions and Subjects, are now followed by the actual Invaſion of the Iſland of *Minorca;* which ſtands guaranteed to Me by all the great Powers of *Europe*, and in particular by the *French* King. I have therefore found Myſelf obliged, in Vindication of the Honour of My Crown, and of the Rights of My People, to declare War in Form againſt *France*. I rely on the Divine Protection, and the vigorous Aſſiſtance of My faithful Subjects, in ſo juſt a Cauſe.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I return you My hearty Thanks for the Readineſs and Diſpatch with which you have granted Me ſuch

large Supplies. You may depend on their being ſtrictly applied to the good Purpoſes, for which they were given.

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

Nothing has given Me more inward Satisfaction, than the Confidence which you repoſe in Me. It is the moſt acceptable Return you could make to Me; and you may be aſſured, ſhall be made uſe of only for your Good. The Preſervation of your Religion, Liberties, and Independency, is, and always ſhall be, My great Aim; and I truſt you will not be wanting to yourſelves.

Then the Lord Chancellor, having receiv'd Directions from His Majeſty, ſaid;

My Lords, and Gentlemen,

IT is His Majeſty's Pleaſure, That both Houſes of Parliament ſhould forthwith ſeverally adjourn themſelves to Friday *the Eighteenth Day of* June *next.*

 FINIS.